

## ATTENTION BUILDING PERMITS DATA USER

### Geographic Summary Structure Of New Housing Unit Tables Are Changing Due To OMB Metropolitan Area Definition Changes

Beginning with the January 2004 data, which will be available in March 2004, Planning Data Services will begin using the new Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Metropolitan Statistical Area definitions that were released in June 2003.

Summary tables showing comparisons of new housing unit construction activity for periods after January 2000 will also reflect the newly released definitions.

Information about the new metropolitan definitions can be found at the following website:

[www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/aboutmetro.html](http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/aboutmetro.html)

Monthly building permit reports will now be summarized for the following geographies:

1. The State
2. Jurisdictions within State Planning Regions
3. Old (Central) Suburban Counties
  - a. Anne Arundel; Baltimore County
  - b. Montgomery; Prince George's
4. New (Outlying) Suburban Counties
  - a. Carroll; Harford; Howard
  - b. Calvert; Charles; Frederick; St. Mary's
  - c. Cecil; Queen Anne's
5. Baltimore City
6. Balance of the State
  - a. Allegany; Caroline; Dorchester
  - b. Garrett; Kent; Somerset; Talbot
  - c. Washington; Wicomico; Worcester
7. Metropolitan Jurisdictions
  - a. Allegany; Anne Arundel; Baltimore; Calvert; Carroll
  - b. Cecil; Charles; Frederick; Harford; Howard
  - c. Montgomery; Prince George's; Queen Anne's
  - d. Somerset; Washington; Wicomico
8. Non Metropolitan Counties
  - a. Caroline; Dorchester; Garrett; Kent
  - b. St. Mary's; Talbot; Worcester

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